

Jury Committee
Judicial Conference of Indiana

July 21, 2006
Minutes

1. Members present. The following members of the Committee present: Jeffrey Heffelfinger, John Pera, Michael Peyton, William Sleva, and William Hughes, Chair.
2. Staff present. Michelle C. Goodman provided the Committee with staff assistance.
3. Approval of minutes. The Committee approved the minutes from April 19, 2006.
4. Jury Pool. Judge Pera raised two policy recommendations for the Committee's consideration. The first recommendation was to not provide social security number information as a part of the master list information. This is currently not a part of the master list information and there have been two inquiries to provide this data as a part of the project. The Committee felt that the privacy considerations outweighed the basis for the requests and adopted the policy as recommended.

The second recommendation was to rely on the data provided by the DOR and BMV when the post office address validation process would have moved the data to an adjacent county. This recommendation is in response to reports of names being on a county's list, yet the person lives in an adjacent county. Part of this is attributable to the fact that the post office zip code information does not always correctly identify the proper county of residence since zip codes often cross county lines. The Committee also approved this policy recommendation.

Judge Pera also updated the Committee on other aspects of this project. JTAC is currently finalizing the schedule for those counties that requested computer training to help manage jury pool information in counties without jury management systems. In addition, JTAC is seeking a vendor to help develop a web-based program on a secure server to help distribute the master lists and provide jury management functions. The distribution phase is scheduled to be complete by the end of September. Also, the project team has been working with BMV and DOR to address issues of underage and non-citizens on the master list.
5. Jury Rule Amendments. The Committee discussed the current status of rule amendment recommendations. Michelle reported on the presentation made to the Board of Directors in June on proposed amendments to Jury Rules 17 and 18.
6. Jury Legislation. Judge Hughes reported on the work if the sub-committee formed to propose statutory changes to the jury statutes to consolidate them and create consistency between the statutes and the rules. The Committee made amendments to sections 14 and 21 of the proposal on IC 33-28-5. The Committee also discussed the specific provisions in the superior court statutes that also need to be amended, which was not a part of the sub-committee's work. These proposals will be forwarded to the Committee for review as soon as possible. The Committee was asked to make any suggestions by email on or before August 18th. The Committee decided to schedule a conference call for August 25th to take a final vote on the legislative proposal.

7. Resource Document on ADA and jury service. The draft resource document requested by the Committee on ADA and jury service, compiled by Amanda Wishin, Intern at IJC, and Michelle C. Goodman, was discussed. The Committee asked Michelle to add a note prior to the sample jury instructions to indicate that these samples were the only ones published at the time of the research.
8. Other business. The Committee discussed the topics for the jury session in September. Also, the Committee discussed a request to add information regarding bifurcated trials to the jury orientation video. The Committee felt that this would be something that could be included in the orientation standards. Finally, the Committee was asked to consider what project to focus on next. Michelle was asked to email out the updated project list for the Committee's review for the October meeting.
9. Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Jury Committee is now scheduled for **Friday, August 25, 2006 at 10 a.m. via conference call.** The Committee will also meet on **Friday, October 6, 2006 at 11:30 a.m.** at the Indiana Judicial Center. [Please note these are new dates.]

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle C. Goodman